



Bout the 7th of *March* 1655. Master *Whiting* and Master *Spelman* came to *Richard Hodgkinsonne* to treat about the printing of *Judge Crookes* [or Sir *George Crookes*] Reports ; desiring the said *Hodg.* to tell him truly and conscienciously, what he would print it for by the sheete and finde Paper ? The sum the said *Hodgkinsonne* then pitcht unto them was a farthing a sheete, the number printed being two thousand upon each sheete, and the Paper to bee worth five shillings a Reame (*viz.* five shillings and six pence perfect) so for that time they parted : But shortly after Master *Whiting* came to the said *Hodg.* with one Master *Bacon*, and desired the said *Hod.* to make some Proves, which he accordingly did.

About the 12 of *September* 1656. M. *Jo. Whiting*, and M. *Clem. Spelman* went to the Warden of the Stationers ; where M. *Whiting* desired to have Sir *G. Crookes* Reports entred to the said *Hodgkinsonne*, declaring unto the said Warden that he had agreed with the said *Hodg.* for printing them, and therefore willed him to take a care that none else should meddle with the printing of them.

The 15 day M. *Whiting*, M. *Spelman* and *Hodg.* went to the Clerk, where M. *Whiting* declared the same words he had done before to the Warden, but the Clerke refused Entrance to the said *Hodg.* upon pretence of a former entry to one *Warren*.

The 16 day M. *Whiting* and M. *Spelman* went to Stationers-hall, and there at a publique Court M. *Whiting* disclaimed the Entrance of *Warren*, as surreptitious, and declared his agreement with *Hodg.* as formerly he had done to the Warden and the Clerke, but no Entry was made as desired.

The 16 day of *October* M. *Spelman* M. *Richison*, M. _____ went with *Hodg.* to the Hall, where he presented the Copy, and required Entrance, but was put off.

The 5 of *January* M. *Spelman* and M. *Whiting* went with *Hodg.* again to a publique Court, where he presented the Copy requiring Entrance, but was put off again, &c.

This caused M. *Whiting* to complain to the Lord chiefe-Justice of the upper-Bench, who (accompanied with 3 or 4 other of the Judges) after hearing all that could be said by the Company, for neglecting to enter to *Hodg.* as also what *Warren* could say for his pretended claim ; *unâ voce* Ordered, That the former pretended Entry to *Warren*, so surreptitiously obtain'd, should be obliterate, and the said Copy be Entred *de novo* to the said *Hodgkinson*.

The 20 of *October* 1657. the 17 years of King *Charles* began to be printed, during the printing whereof, M. *Whiting* hath divers times declared to the several Workmen, and to sundry other Persons (before them in the Work-houle) which he hath brought thither to see that work, and Printing ; That he had agreed with M. *Hodgkinsf.* for printing of Sir *Georg Crookes* Reports, and that the book, then in hand, of King *Charles* his 17 years ; was not a third part of it : for there was beside 22 years of King *James* his time, and 11 years of Queen *Elizabeths* time ; Before the said Workmen, the said M. *Whiting* hath often been angry with the said *Hodg.* for finishing what work he had before, and forbad him to entertain any other worke ; assuring him that he would finde him worke for 7 years, with the books aforesaid ; And hee hath driven Customers from his the said *Hodg.* house that have come to him about work.

The 23 of *March*, two Book-sellers came into the Workhouse of the said *Hodg.* and in the presence of the Workmen, did much importune the said *Hodg.* to take and print for them what number of sheets he pleased of the Lord *Hubbards* Reports ; but *Hodg.* told them he could not entertain their work untill he had acquainted M. *Whiting*, and obtain'd his consent.

The 26 day, M. *Whiting* being in the Workhouse, the said *Hodg.* moved him for his consent ; but he refused, saying, That there were Reports of one *Bulstrode Whitlocks* printing, which he would not for 100 l. should come out before his 11 years of King *James* ; and therefore willed the said *Hodg.* not to think of entertaining any other worke, but to finish the 17 years of King *Charles* with all speed, and to print for him the 11 years of king *James* by *Michaelmas*.

Shortly after *Hodg.* told M. *Whiting* that King *Charles* was neer done, and desired to know if the Copy for King *James* his time were ready or not ; if it were not, and that the presse, for want thereof, should stand still, it would be very chargeable : Wherenpon within a day or two after M. *Whiting* brought the said Copy into the said Workhouse, where *Hodg.* cast it off, and concluded that the last 11 years of King *James* should make a second Volume.

About the 30 of *May* King *Charles* was finished, and *Hod.* asking M. *Whiting* for the Copy of King *James* his time, to goe in hand with all ; M. *Whiting* told him it was in *Just. Hales* hand for perusall, but promised faithfully to bring it to him in a fortnight : The said Master *Whiting* came again within 2 or 3 dayes and desired *Hodg.* to provide worke for a Moneth, if he could ; for (being tyred) he had a mind to goe into the Country ; and then promised without faile to bring the said Copy to him, within a moneth ; but failed then as before.

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